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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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SULFIDIC ORES USING ANNULAR FLUIDIZED BED  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to fee calculations and examination on the merits, entry of the following Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. More specifically, all of the claims, Claims 1-24 have been amended. New claims 25-35 have been added.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.